

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Banks!

As we welcome the New Year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what makes our Banks community so special. In a small rural town like ours, the turning of the calendar isn't just about a new date; it's about the people, the relationships, and the shared commitment we have to one another.

This past year, we've seen neighbors helping neighbors, local businesses continuing to serve as the heart of our town, and

volunteers stepping up whenever they were needed. These are just some of the quiet strengths that define our Banks community and make it a wonderful place to call home. The New Year brings fresh opportunities. As we start to see our upcoming growth, we think of ways to improve and continue working together toward a future that still honors our Bank's traditions while embracing thoughtful progress. Whether it's supporting our local events, caring for our community, or simply checking in on a neighbor, every small act makes a big difference here. Let us continue those traditions.

On behalf of the City of Banks staff and volunteers, thank you for your continued pride, patience, and participation. I look forward to another year of working together to keep our Banks community strong, connected, and welcoming.

Wishing you and your family a healthy, hopeful, and happy New Year.
Mayor Marsha Kirk

CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council
2nd Tuesday (monthly)

Park, Recreation & Tree Board
3rd Tuesday (Quarterly - Feb/May/Aug/Nov)

Library Board
3rd Tuesday (monthly)

Planning Commission
Last Tuesday (monthly)

Economic Development
1st Wednesday (monthly)



City meetings are open meetings, and the public is encouraged to attend.

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Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Extra **BIG** thanks to the following:

- Rainey Construction (lights)
- Local Joy Coffee & Wine (hot cocoa)
- Friends of Banks Public Library (cookies and volunteers)
- Ballad Town Harmony (entertainment)
- Banks Fire Department (Santa!)

We will see you next year!



Holiday Closures

February 16, 2026:
Presidents Day



All city offices closed



There is lots of information to be found on the City of Banks website. Check it out at www.cityofbanks.org.

CITY MEETING RECAP FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025

A brief recap on the items discussed & actions taken at City Meetings.

City Council Work Session

- Russ Ries w/Jarrard, Seibert, Pollard & Co. LLC presented the 2024-2025 Audit Report.
- Joe Gall, Clean Water Services Chief Utility Relations Officer presented the Clean Water Services State of the District Report.
- Joe Schiewe, Land Development Senior Project Manager with Holt Homes, gave a presentation on the Art & Landscaping in the Roundabout on Hwy. 6, the request to Portland General Electric (PGE) to cover the cost for moving the poles and overhead lines on the Roundabout Project, and non-potable water irrigation lines.

City Council Meeting

- Presentations of: Police Monthly Briefing, Library Director Report, Public Works Supervisor Report, City Recorder/Assistant City Manager Report & City Manager Report.
- City Council adopted the minutes of the November 11, 2025, City Council Meeting.
- City Council confirmed reappointments to the Economic Development Commission, Planning Commission, and Park, Recreation and Tree Board.
- City Council accepted the FY 2024-2025 Audit.
- City Council awarded the painting of curbs, crosswalks, and restriping NW Oak Way to Five Star Builders in an amount not to exceed \$15,551.38.
- City Council authorized the City Manager to appoint Sav-A-Tree as the Arborist for the City of Banks.
- City Council accepted Council Walters request for a leave of absence.
- City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-21, a Resolution For The City Of Banks Concurring With The Inclusion Of A Public Building Project In The Banks Urban Renewal Plan.
- City Council held a second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-11-01, an Ordinance Making Certain Determinations And Findings Related To And Approving the City of Banks Urban Renewal Plan Substantial Amendment And Directing That Notice Of Approval Be Published.

Urban Renewal Agency

- Urban Renewal Agency Members adopted the minutes of the October 14, 2025, Urban Renewal Agency Meeting.
- Urban Renewal Agency Members accepted the Banks Urban Renewal Agency Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

Economic Development Commission

- Economic Development Commissioners adopted the minutes of the September 3, 2025, Economic Development Commission Meeting.
- Economic Development Commissioners debriefed on the 2nd Annual Business Appreciation Dinner that was held on September 11, 2025.
- Economic Development Commissioners were given an overview of the Urban Renewal District Plan.
- Economic Development Commissioners discussed the 2025-2026 Façade Program.
- Economic Development Commissioners discussed having an upcoming joint work session with City Council.
- Economic Development Commissioners received a presentation from the Banks Chamber of Commerce on the New Homeowner Welcome Package Project.

Park, Recreation & Tree Board

- No meeting held in December

Planning Commission

- No meeting held in December 2025.

Library Board

- No meeting held in December

Happy New Year!



“If I were Mayor...” Student Contest 2025-2026

Mayor Marsha Kirk would like to invite students in the Banks School District, including homeschool students in the Banks School District Service area, to enter the Oregon Mayors Association’s 2025-2026 “If I were Mayor...” Contest.



- Local prizes will be awarded.
- Local first place winners will be entered into the statewide contest for a chance to win a prize worth \$500.00!
- Please visit www.cityofbanks.org/ifiweremayor, or use the QR Code on this flyer, for complete contest information, entry forms and list of local prizes.
- **Submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form, and be received by the City of Banks no later than February 9, 2026.**



Need help staying warm?

For information on warming center openings throughout Oregon visit www.211info.org/em-shelters

Call 2-1-1 or 1-866-698-6155
24 hours per day / 7 days per week



Tips to help prevent frozen pipes



Secure outdoor hoses, valves and faucets. Before winter hits, disconnect garden hoses and, if possible, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. This may help prevent freezing of the short span of pipe just inside the house.

Let water drip. A trickle of water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing. Let warm water drip overnight when temperatures are cold, preferably from a faucet on an outside wall.

Open cabinet doors. This allows heat to get to un-insulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.

Seal leaks. Look for air leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes. Thoroughly seal leaks with caulk or insulation to help keep the cold out.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY OF BANKS

Interested in serving on a City of Banks Board, Commission or Committee? We are currently seeking volunteers. Please contact City Recorder, Angie Lanter at alanter@cityofbanks.org or 503-324-5112 for more information.





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Yes! Please sign me up for email communications regarding
[] Meeting Notices & Agendas [] Business Outreach [] Community Outreach

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Business / Organization Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Please mail or drop this form off at Banks City Hall,
located at 13680 NW Main Street Banks, OR 97106.
503-324-5112



Preventing Frozen Pipes

1. Open cabinets to circulate warmer air around plumbing.
2. Maintain a consistent temperature of at least 55°F in your house, even when you're away.
3. Let cold water slowly drip from the faucet to relieve pressure in the pipes.
4. Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses and shut off irrigation systems.
5. Seal doors and windows properly.
6. Keep garage doors closed.



**SEE SOMETHING?
SAY SOMETHING!**

Communicating what you see is key to preventing or deterring crime. Tell us about anything that seems suspicious or makes you uncomfortable. When in doubt, just call. We are here to help.

**NON-EMERGENCIES
503-629-0111**

- Abandoned vehicles
- Suspicious persons or vehicles
- Anything out of place
- Noise disturbances
- Graffiti

EMERGENCIES 911

- Immediate threat of harm or danger
- Serious injuries
- Endangered persons
- Missing children
- Crimes occurring now

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